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HOLIDAY SPECIALS. A number of last-minute additions have been made, especially concerning UT Dec 25-26; enjoy:

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL

Congratulations on getting out WOR 1109. The power went out, but that didn't stop *you*. Those diehard survivalist patriots certainly should be proud of you --- you were prepared!

While listening to that show, I came up with a little riddle for you: If you had a message of peace, and you wanted to reproduce it on several sheets of paper, what would you use? (answer at the bottom of this DXLD)

Hang in there. You're an inspiration to many of us. Just keep doin' it!
(Pete Bentley, NY, Dec 16)

** AFGHANISTAN. The ``shortwave`` frequency UBL was allegedly heard on may have been ``shortrange`` instead: 454.55 MHz was seen displayed on somebody's two-way. Apparently that's where the Taliban and Northern Alliance traded insults (Kim Elliott, VOA Communications World Dec 23 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. R. Australia is carrying a 13-hour special from R. National, Xmas Around Australia, from 2200 UT Dec 24 to 1100 UT Dec 25 (John Figliozzi's previews, swprograms via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4600.3, RADIO PERLA DEL ACRE. 0010-0030 Dic. 22. Música con el grupo colombiano Corraleros del Majagual. TC: "8 de la noche con 13 minutos, en toda nuestra ciudad 20 horas 13 minutos; el saludo especial para toda la gente que hoy está en la sintonía de la radio, Perla del Acre, por supuesto en los 91.1 y tenemos 31 grados!! centígrados en nuestra ciudad, noche bastante calurosa...." "...la compañía en el fin de semana los 91.1. de Perla del Acre..." (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Colombia, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

** CANADA. CFYZ-1280 TIS: I suspect they're cheating. I'd bet they probably run at least 250 watts. During the afternoon drive time (and possibly during AM drive time too) CFYZ actually run a live show with real-life announcers who don't sound like death warmed over. Not the usual endless loop tapes and canned announcements, typical of most airport TIS'ers. CFYZ considerably jazzed up since the federal government spun off the day-to-day administration of Pearson Airport to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority. 73 (Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON, NRC-AM Dec 22 via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 3279.5, RADIO L.V. DEL NAPO. Tena. 0830-0910 Dic. 22. A esta hora de la mañana retransmitiendo la señal de Radio Maria Ecuador, luego a las 0900 el Himno Nacional del Ecuador aperturando emisión (Rafael Rodríguez R., Bogotá, Colombia, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Ethiopia/USA: Opposition coalition launches new radio station in Washington DC | Text of report in English from Ethiopian newspaper Addis Tribune web site on 21 December

The United Ethiopian Civic Organizations (UECO) has launched its radio programme, Radio Voice of Ethiopian Unity, in Washington DC. The weekly radio programme is broadcast every Sunday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. [local time] on 1390 AM.

In introducing the programme, Ato [Mr] Elias Kifle, Secretary of [opposition] Ethiopian Democratic Action League and chairman of the Voice of Ethiopian Unity, stated that the civic coalition is launching the radio programme, which is a result of the civic groups' united effort, with great pleasure and bright hope.

The first programme presented representatives of the UECO, Dr Mankelklot Haile Selassie from Ethiopian Democratic Action League, Gen Abay Yemanu from [opposition] Moa Anbesa, and Dr Bekele Mola from the Council of Concerned Nationals for Ethiopian Security, who explained

the mission and objectives of the radio programme.

They said that the main purpose of the radio programme is to inform the Ethiopian community about the struggle being waged in Ethiopia for democracy, human rights, peace and socioeconomic development. They explained that the programme will focus on the positive things that are being done in the Ethiopian community by individuals and organizations, while promoting unity among the various Ethiopian organizations.

The representatives also briefly explained the purpose of the 26 January public meeting that was called in Washington DC by the civic groups.

"UECO is planning to carry out a worldwide opposition to any ruling by the UN border commission that will recognize the illegal separation of Bahr Medir ("Eritrea") from Ethiopia, making our country landlocked and its people divided," the organization said.

Source: Addis Tribune web site, Addis Ababa, in English 21 Dec 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

1390 would be WZHF, Arlington VA (actually on Connecticut NW in DC), per the new NRC AM Log, 5 kW day and night, U4 meaning different direxional patterns day and night, supposedly with a Chinese format, in stereo. RVEU, of course, has had a SW clandestine program for quite some time already (gh, DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA. Newspaper editor flees to US after "death threats" | Text of report in English from Deki-Alula Ethiopian Online Newsletter web site on 22 December

Addis Ababa, 22 December: An Ethiopian editor and publisher of a popular weekly newspaper evaded a government manhunt this week and fled her country into exile in the United States.

Berhan Hailu, chief editor of the independent Wogahta newspaper, has been receiving death threats from senior government officials of the ruling Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF), whose chair is Ethiopia's Prime Minister Meles Zenawi. Before her escape, Berhan was the victim of a relentless security police interrogation at the notorious Maekelawi [central] Prison in the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa.

The flight of the editor was preceded by the shutting down of Wogahta, the only newspaper for the Tigrinya-speaking five million Ethiopians of northern Tigray Regional [State]. Wogahta first went into operation in 1994 and braved government harassment for nine months before it folded. Seven years later last March, a political crisis hit the ruling TPLF

party, giving an opportune moment for the newspaper to begin reporting on the events again. But its meteoric rise as a credible news source was seen by the government as a recipe for public unrest.

Press freedom watchdogs describe the government of Prime Minister Meles as one of the top 10 enemies of the press in the world.

Source: Deki-Alula Ethiopian Online Newsletter web site in English 22 Dec 01 (via BBCM via DXLD)

So perhaps R. Free Wogahta is next... (gh, DXLD)

** MADAGASCAR. I also heard R. Madagascar on December 22 at 1639. Signal is as usual poor but I identified station with jingle used also only by Russian service of DW (Vladimir Kovalenko, Tomsk, Russia, DX LISTENING DIGEST) I guess you mean on 5010? What is that jingle shared by such unrelated stations? (gh, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [and non]. Glenn, FYI. Corrected URL for the Lou Josephs feature. Hello from Hilversum, We're sending this extra edition of the Media Network Newsletter as there are a couple of things to tell you about:

New Years Eve on the Web

I blundered when I gave the URL of this feature in advance (never a good idea). It's online, but the correct URL is
<http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/html/newyear2002.html>

Festival of Twelve Questions and Answers

Why not spend some time between now and January 6th, solving our New Year Quiz. We have 12 festive CDs for those who rise to our challenge, and one top prize of the CD's plus a coffee table book "Holland on Ice" (text in English, pictures in colour!). Use your memory or explore our media news archive for the answers.
<http://www.rnw.nl/realradio/html/contest011224.html>

The Sun Sees Everything

I'd also like to commend to your attention one of the many special current affairs features we're publishing over the holiday period.

Andr's Toma is Hungary's most famous prisoner of war who, a year-and-a-half-ago, returned to Hungary amid a blaze of publicity after spending over half a century in a Russian psychiatric hospital. A Slovak doctor who happened to be visiting the clinic recognized the gibberish spoken by the inmate, who'd been treated as an incurable

patient for five decades, as Hungarian: "He's not insane, he's Hungarian!" Now Bandi b·csi is living quietly in the country, reunited with his family. Most of the world's media may have quickly forgotten about him, but Radio Netherlands hasn't. RN Eastern Europe correspondents RenÈe Postma and James Kliphuis, based in Budapest, made a trip to see Bandi b·csi and his family. They came back with a very powerful and moving report.
<http://www.rnw.nl/hotspots/html/pow011224.html>

Lord of the Rings

Last Friday evening I went with some colleagues from Radio Netherlands Interactive to see the new movie Lord of the Rings. If you're wondering whether the movie lives up to all the hype, take it from me - it does, and then some. Breathtaking panoramic views of the New Zealand landscape, combined with brilliant special effects, great acting and a cast of 2500 people make for a memorable cinematic experience. No doubt it will be released on DVD, but you really need to see it on the big screen to appreciate it fully. If you only see one movie in the next 12 months, make sure this is it!

Disclaimer: Neither I nor Radio Netherlands have any connection, commercial or otherwise, with the producers of Lord of the Rings. I only wish I did :-)

That's it until our regular Newsletter Friday. Happy Christmas, (Andy Sennitt, Media Network, Radio Netherlands, Dec 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. 3935.05, R. Reading Service, 1040 24 Dec, Audible this morning with Christmas choral music, with male announcer between songs. // 15175. During the Christmas music, there was only a slight delay between the two outlets with 3935 in the lead by a fraction of a second. At 1100, time pips, then "R New Zealand news..." At this point the delay grew to 5 seconds. By 1107 3935 had broken away and was playing Christmas music again, while 15175 was still airing the news. Not only was propagation on 3935 above average today, but it was also remarkably free of ham operator chatter (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGER. 24.12.2001, 45650, La Voix du Sahel, Zinder, local music, 0.5 x 91.3 MHz. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! vy 73 de (J,rgen Lohuis, Germany, harmonics yahooogroup via DXLD)

** NORWAY. Glen[n], just to bring to you and your readers' attention the fact that the external service of NRK is to end broadcasting after 54 years. The last programs will be on December 30th. For more, check <http://www.nrk.no/radionorway> The site is not in English, though! Best 73's and a good new year 2002, (DXDave, Bristol, England, Dec 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Yes, but does it say that, as previously reported here, the SW transmissions will remain on the air with domestic programming instead? (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. R. San Antonio: station was off the air for some days due to antenna problems. They'll relaunch their transmissions today for some hours (Andy Schmid- Pennant Museum, Dec 23, hard-core-dx via DXLD)

Presumably refers to the new Peruvian on 4940, tho not even the country was mentioned (gh, DXLD)

** PERU. 4835, RADIO MARA—"N. Jaen. 2325-2350 Dec. 22. Emisora reactivada desde hace algunas semanas con una muy fuerte se0al, presentado m'sica moderna alternada con tecnocumbia peruana. La identificaci0n es con un jingle de la siguiente forma: "...me gusta escuchar la radio, la tengo en mi ser, en mi coraz0n, en mi vida est· la radio, informa, educa y siempre te acompa0a, se escucha en todas partes, ella es mi preferida... 580 onda media, 4835 onda corta y 96.1 FM estÈreo. Mara0n est· conmigo, Mara0n es mi emisora preferida..."

6324.6, RD COMERCIAL ????. ??? Per'. 2335-2345* Dic. 21. Emisora no identificada desde Per' con m'sica folcl0rica, anuncia los 6325 como frecuencia nominal y transmisi0n en FM aunque no menciona la frecuencia. Cerrando transmisi0n a las 2345 y aperturando a las 1000. Notada en Dic. 22 Con bastante ruido e interferencia de estaciones RTTY. Por favor, alg'n colega sabe algo de esto?

6560.1, RD. HUANCABAMBA. Huancabamba. 2243-2250 [fecha?] La emisora al parecer est· probando esta frecuencia ya que hace algunos dias la escuchÈ en 6535.8 y ha sido reportada por colegas en la misma. "... Somos Radiodifusora Huancabamba, la Voz de la Frontera..."

6673, RADIO SENSACI"N. Huancabamba. 1040-1050 [fecha?]. Ex-Radio Andina ?? escuchada con el programa San Juanitos de Oro. Anunci·ndose como Radio Sensaci0n, el original nombre con el cual saliera al aire hace varios a0os; luego se identific0 como S'per Sensaci0n y S'per Nueva Sensaci0n, y desde el 2000 como Radio Andina (Rafael Rodrìguez R., Bogot·, Colombia, Dec 23, Conexi0n Digital via DXLD)

** POLAND. 225 kHz, Polskie Radio, 0300 Dec 24 - First time noted this season, with a good signal at this time. Clear ID right at the top of the hour, then news. On re-check at 0305 music was being played (Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, Drake R8, longwires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 5925, R. Tsentr, St. Petersburg, 0300-0500 - As announced in DXLD, with talk on 12/23, a few IDs, and familiar Christmas carols (in

Russian, I suppose), strongest around 0330, but heavy noise. After 0415 it appeared that the male announcer's comments were being translated by a female announcer into English, but I could not follow the thread. Also noted, but weaker, around 0330 on 12/24. I sent a report to the e-mail address, but no response yet (Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, Drake R8, longwires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. Voice of Russia on 11500: A recent list from Nikolai Rudnev confirms that this frequency originates from Tajikistan, 1200-1500, listed power 500 kW, so this would be the recently discussed Orzu site. I think VoR uses 11500 from there already for quite some time. By the way, Voice of Mesopotamia on 11530 is via Uzbekistan (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. Around 1230 I finally remembered to check if Taranivka is really back on air: Yes, both 11720 and 15520 were on as scheduled. After 1400 there was a faint carrier on 9610, probably also Taranivka with very low spurious radiation from the antenna aiming at 55 degrees. Neither 11720 nor 15520 had the metallic-sounding noise one of the Taranivka transmitters is famous (or rather infamous) for, so this faulty rig should operate 9610/11840 now (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Dec 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Wind of change makes waves in shipping forecast
Angelique Chrisafis, Monday December 24, 2001, The Guardian

The shipping forecast, the BBC Radio 4 institution and insomniacs' choice, is to lose one of its most eccentric area names after complaints from Spain.

The name Finisterre - which described an area off north west Spain - is to be dropped following complaints from the United Nations World Meteorological Organisation that it caused confusion. Finisterre, which has featured in the forecast since 1949, is derived from the ancient belief that the far western tip of Spain was "finis terre", the end of the the earth. But Spain uses the term to describe a slightly different, smaller area.

France, which has overall responsibility for forecasts off the Atlantic coast of Europe, was ordered to make Britain change its area name.

From February 4, British broadcasters will rename the zone FitzRoy, chosen in memory of the founding father of the Met Office, Admiral Robert FitzRoy, who allegedly committed suicide in 1865 after forecasting the weather wrong.

A spokesman for the Met Office said: "The Spanish were adamant that

they wanted to keep their Finisterre. We had no alternative. After all, they have used it for years and it is in their patch."

But British fans of the forecast - which is broadcast by the BBC four times a day to thousands of listeners who have never boarded a ship - were quick to complain.

The pressure group, the Voice of the Listener and Viewer said the forecast's list of names - Viking, North Utsire, South Utsire, Forties, Cromarty, Forth, Tyne, Dogger, Fisher, German Bight, Humber, Thames, Dover, Wight, Portland, Plymouth, Biscay, Finisterre, Sole, Lundy, Fastnet, Irish Sea, Shannon, Rockall, Malin, Hebrides, Bailey, Fair Isle, Faeroes, Southeast Iceland - was like a "familiar poem" that defined British cultural heritage.

The eccentric list of winds and rain had inspired poetry, literature, works of art and tea towels.

The dropping of Finisterre was considered as momentous as the 1956 reforms, when Heligoland was replaced by German Bight.

A member of the Royal Naval Association said: "I hope they don't concede Gibraltar as quickly."

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** U K. BBC R4 Christmas:

Hi Glenn, Thanks for your efforts on the holiday program list (which I'm now promoting front-and-center on the main page of PRF.com), even after you thought you wouldn't do it this year. Below is a list of programs you might like to add, from the BBC Radio 4 schedule on Christmas Day (plus one thing on R3). Best wishes, (Kevin Kelly, publicradiofan.com Dec 24, DXLD) [also on our /holiday.html page]

BBC R4, 25 Dec

0605-0700 Love Came Down
A festive mixture of music, poetry and stories selected by Mark Lawson.

0730-0800 Jingle All The Way
Every December nearly 100,000 people travel from all over England to witness the Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

0805-0855 Joy To The World
Emily Buchanan introduces a selection of seasonal reports from

journalists around the world.

0900-1000 The Christmas Service
From the Church of St Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

1000-1045 Home Truths Christmas Special
John Peel presents a special Christmas Day programme of the foibles, frustrations and fun of family life.

1100-1130 Frozen In Time
Reminiscences of life on the polar ice as British Antarctic Survey veterans on a nostalgic expedition to visit their old base huts, now 'Frozen in Time'.

1205-1230 News Quiz Of The Year
Simon Hoggart selects the best of the topical quiz from 2001.

1500-1505 HM The Queen
The Queen's Christmas message to the peoples of the Commonwealth.

1510-1545 The Christmas Pudding
It's rich, it's fruity, it's alcoholic, and it'll leave 25 million families fit to bust this Christmas Day. Yet the truth is that at least half the population don't even like it very much.

1815-1830 Completely Crackers
Linda Smith concludes her investigation of the Christmas cracker, unwrapping the specialist 'Spinster's Cracker' of 1913 and visiting the World Cracker Pulling Extravaganza.

1915-1945 Jingle All The Way [Rpt]

2000-2030 Candlelight
A Christmas feature on the history and symbolism of candlelight. Through a crafted mix of personal story, music and commentary, we hear what candlelight has meant to people through the ages and what it still means today.

2100-2200 Home Truths Christmas Special [Rpt]

2200-2245 Love Came Down [Rpt]

2300-2315 Completely Crackers [Rpt]

[and into UT Dec 26]

0015-0030 Heaven Sent
In a meditation for Christmas Day, travel writer and historian William

Dalrymple considers the relationship between the faith traditions cradled in the Middle East.

0030-0045 The Christmas Tree

Nigel Cassidy traces the story of the Christmas tree, from pagan symbol to fast-moving consumer product.

One last thing: BBC R3 has a replay of Lessons and Carols, on Christmas Day at 1400-1540 UT (Kevin Kelly, Arlington, Mass., PublicRadioFan.com Dec 24, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. On December 24, 2001 WWRV [sic], Manchester, TN was testing on 12172 kHz. Heard in progress at 1528 GMT. The audio quality actually was good. Reception reports were requested to WWRV, Box 7, Manchester, TN 37349-0007 USA. Enclose a SASE. WWRV was testing a 200 foot antenna beamed to the Middle East and Africa (Mike Peraaho, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Tuned in at 1735 Dec 24 and promptly heard a strong signal, slight fading, lo-fi audio, in the voice of Dave Frantz, with this 65-second loop on AM 12172:

``This is radio station WWRB, Worldwide Radio Broadcasting. Currently, we are testing our new antenna to the Middle East and Africa. This antenna sits at approximately 200 feet high above ground level. If you would like to receive from radio station WWRB a verification letter of reception, please send your reception report to radio station WWRB, Box number 7, Manchester, Tennessee, USA, Postal code 37349-0007. Again, Radio Station WWRB.... Please be sure to include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the reception report. Thank you.``

Yet another call change, maybe the last one for this spinoff of WGTG/WWFV. Wonder if this is their very first test on air? Have seen no reports previously. Still going past 1800. So Dave expects all those Middle-Easterners and Africans to have US stamps handy, and in the proper amount, which is? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Fessenden, Reginald Aubrey

Inventor (born on October 6, 1866, at Milton-Est in Canada East -- what is now Quebec; died on July 22, 1932, at Hamilton, Bermuda). Fessenden spent long hours reading in his father's library. His curiosity and inquiring mind remained with him all his life. He attended school in Port Hope, Ont. and Quebec and at age 19 moved to Bermuda to be the principal of a private school. In 1886 he moved to New York to find work with the great inventor Thomas Edison. Edison asked Fessenden to find a way to protect electrically charged wires. The young inventor soon solved the problem.

When Edison went bankrupt, Fessenden found work with Westinghouse. He began to read more and more about sound waves. Since Alexander Graham Bell had invented the telephone, Fessenden had asked himself, "Why use wires?" In 1897 Marconi first transmitted Morse code through the air in England. On a holiday in Ontario, Fessenden made an important discovery. He tossed a stone in the water, and watched the ripples. He believed that radio signals could be sent out in waves that widened, like water ripples, until they could be picked up by an antenna.

On December 23, 1900, Fessenden sat in a cabin on Cobb Island, near Washington, D.C. He shouted into a microphone, "One ... two ... three .. four. Is it snowing where you are Mr. Thiessen?" Over 1.5 km away, his assistant listened and wired back, "I hear you perfectly, sir. Your voice is loud and clear." It was the first time that speech had been transmitted without wires.

On Christmas Eve, 1906, Fessenden showed his invention, which he called the wireless telephone, to the world. He made the first-ever public broadcast of speech and music that night. His audience were radio operators on board ships sailing along the Atlantic coast. They were startled and delighted to hear Fessenden playing "O Holy Night" on his fiddle and singing the words as well.

Fessenden patented more than 500 inventions during his lifetime, including an amplified piano, a tracer bullet, and an electric gyroscope. During World War I, he developed an echo-sounding device to find German submarines.

Fessenden gave away many of his inventions, and saw his greatest invention - radio - pass from company to company, with no benefit to him. He applied for a job at McGill University, but was passed over in favour of an American. He formed a company in Montreal, but the Canadian government snubbed him, and gave the rights for radio to Marconi. He made money from his deep-sea inventions, and in 1928 he received \$2.5 million in a settlement with one of the radio companies. He retired to Bermuda (source not given, via Phil Gebhardt, ODXA via DXLD) Catch the CBC Special on Boxing Day at noon! (gh, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Alistair Cooke's LETTER FROM AMERICA This Week:
Handel's Messiah

In this week's (12/22-23) Letter To America, Alistair Cooke talked about how, in the last letter exchange he had with the poet, Philip Larkin, before Larkin's death, they shared that they both had the tradition of listening to the original, complete Handel's Messiah at this time of year.

Cut to how Cooke introduced Leonard Bernstein--a virgin when it came to the work--to Handel's Messiah and got him to conduct the short version for Cooke's TV show.

Cut to Handel's life when he wrote it.

Cut to Trinity Church Wall Street's successful post Sept 11 re-opening and just barely being able to carry on its venerable holiday presentation of the original version.

I've never understood why it's not available on demand (BBC 4's "Listen Again" page now shows a 'listen icon, but there's no active link).
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/atoz/1.shtml>

[Inaudible aside: Do the powers that be at BBC think he's a doddering old (to be read as: embarrassing, not 'PC') fool, so they want to keep him under wraps?]

The transcript is not up yet, but should be soon!
http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/letter_from_america/
(Chet Copeland, NYC, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

About the Letter from America that Chet recommended: there actually is online audio available. It's linked from the following transcript page
http://news.bbc.co.uk/hi/english/world/letter_from_america/newsid_1724000/1724188.stm
and the direct audio link is
http://news.bbc.co.uk/olmedia/1720000/audio/_1724188_23dec.ram
(Kevin Kelly, Arlington, Mass., PublicRadioFan.com ibid.)

UNIDENTIFIED. Hi Glenn, Have you or any of your listeners heard a strong carrier that is very wide. It is heard from about 17350 to 17520 kHz with an audio tone of roughly 530 Hz. When monitored with USB, it appears as many sub-carriers. Time was 2030z altho it may have been on earlier and stayed on after I listened for some 30 minutes. This signal broke for a few minutes when a RTTY type signal came up but was lost as soon as this signal, peaking at about 17450 kHz, came back on. I Enjoy your program "World of Radio". 73, Fred Gantzer WOAWD, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I have been annoyed by this for many months, tho fortunately there are few broadcasters below 17500. I mentioned it some time ago, but got absolutely no response. If anyone knows the source of this, please reveal (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. CLANDESTINE 6965, (R. Voice of Freedom and Renewal?, as listed in PWBR 2002), Dec 24 0425-0505+ - Strong, at first with talk in what sounded like Arabic and Middle Eastern music, but increasingly

subject to noise and barely audible by 0505. No IDs noted. No record of this being logged in NASWA Journal for many months (Jim Renfrew, Byron NY, Drake R8, longwires, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

answer to riddle: The Okapi machine (Pete Bentley) ###